

# Information Network of Kansas, Inc.



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## Executive Director's Report

For Month Ending: October 2009

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### State Committee Participation

**ITEC:** (Executive council comprised of private and public representatives charged with the adoption of IT policies for the state enterprise (All Branches))

- Met October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Ks Department of Corrections recognized for receiving an Enterprise Architecture Award for their work in redesigning their network, mapping business processes and establishing a ten year work plan.
- Mr. Roth gave an update on the current Strategic Information Management Plan and described some of the information sharing applications underway or being developed around the state.
- I presented on the Ks Business Center and focused the discussion to an enterprise data communications channel that can be leveraged by all state entities to share data with each other, within their agencies and even with local and federal level entities. I explained my experience with an enterprise service bus from my past life and attempted to correlate how that experience directly relates to the issues being struggled with at the state level, i.e., many different systems, many different platforms, same customer data that should be shared.
- Next meeting will be focused on the SIM Plan and its progress.

**ITAB:** (State IT representatives who meet monthly to discuss ongoing upcoming and current status of issues facing the state IT enterprise.)

- Met October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Received updates on;
  - State's new financial management system
  - Received an update on the Kan Win Infrastructure Upgrade project. Kan Win is the state's internal network that connects state agencies to the Internet.
  - New infrastructure is redundant and self-healing, will allow higher internet speeds from the desktop and will accommodate voice over IP (VOIP) and Video communication.
  - Provides an opportunity to implement the latest network technologies and establish conformity for naming standards.
  - Will improve performance, be more reliable and easier and less costly to support

**IT Security Council:** (State security professionals from large and small agencies to discuss security policy considerations for the state)

- Continued to review final draft from InfoTech of the procedural document to provide state users the ability to complete tasks being surveyed in the annual IT security assessment. Recent inquiries from the Board of Regents have questioned the applicability of the document to the Regents as their business process and student population present a unique challenge that is not experienced by the "traditional" state agency. The Council will be reaching out to Regents representatives to uncover the specific issues and attempt resolution
- The Dept of Administration Legal Department has reviewed first draft of a proposed policy for Remote IT Hosting (Cloud Computing) policy for the state agencies. This document was drafted by myself and submitted to the council. The policy describes the requirements of agencies that are contemplating remote hosted solutions.

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**Kansas PKI (Information Technology Identity Management Group (ITIMG))** (State agency representatives from KDOR, KSOS, GIS, KITO and INK who oversee the PKI for Kansas)

- Began discussions regarding key recovery of digital certificates. The current local hosting contract includes the issuance of encryption keys along with signing keys. Encryption keys allow the user to make a message or file unreadable until a decrypt or cipher key has been presented when accessing the file or email. In the event an employee is terminated or the original key is corrupted, there exists the need to be able to recover the decrypt key in order to read the file needed, even after the employee has left. The procedures discussion and subsequent procedure document will detail the steps required to recover the decrypt key.

### **Kansas Historical Society**

- Attended a meeting with Historical Society and other agencies to discuss the coordination of the Kansas Sesquicentennial celebration in 2011. Historical Society is looking to INK to provide a central location for citizens to access their local celebration information.
- Historical Society will be working with the other agencies to formulate a vision of the portal and how interaction with individual counties/cities/organizations across the state can be accomplished. Will meet again once accomplished to coordinate INK's services to best meet their goals and functionality requirements.

**KPAT (Kansas Partnership for Accessible Technology):** As an advisory committee to ITEC, this 24 member group addresses web and information technology accessibility issues and provides related policy, standards, guidelines, and procedural recommendations.

- Was unable to attend the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting due to Disaster Recovery Test in Philadelphia.

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### INK Initiatives:

#### KBI Contract Negotiations:

- Will be discussed as an agenda item on this month's meeting

#### Office of Judicial Administration

- Met with representatives of the OJA to discuss electronic filing of docket information for the state. It is the desire of OJA that INK host the "jump" page to all of the court systems, eventually, to electronically file. Shawnee and Johnson counties have existing online filing systems and OJA requested INK put together a simple page that allows users to be directed to either of these two counties. OJA requested look and feel mimic their existing pages. OJA is to send graphics and INK will put together a simple page for linking to the two counties.

#### INK Financial Audit:

- Audit is completing its final phases. INK office information and KIC documentation completed and delivered. Waiting on account information confirmations from customers and vendors with regard to balances and transaction confirmations.
- Am/Was hopeful to provide audit at the November meeting.

### Grants:

\*changes are in red

#### Kansas Department of Commerce (Broadband Mapping)

- Total Expended: \$0
- Remaining on INK Grant Balance: \$185,000
- Remaining on KFB Grant Balance: \$15,000
- Status: Project On-going.  
Have received first three report updates from Connected Nation to Ks Dept of Commerce.
- Original Grant End Date: December 2009

#### Kansas State Historical Society (KEEPS)

- Total Expended: \$0
- Remaining Grant Balance: \$175,000
- Status: Project On-going.
- Original Grant End Date: December 2009

#### Kansas Small Business Development Center - CMS

- Total Expended: \$3,500
- Remaining Grant Balance: \$1,500
- Status: Project Expired
- Original Grant End Date: June 2009

#### Kansas Indicators for the Kansas Economy (IKE)

- Total Expended: \$22,500
- Remaining Grant Balance: \$47,500
- Status: Project: Expired
- Grant End Date: July 2009

#### Educational Communications Center

- Total Expended: \$148,950
- Remaining Grant Balance: \$0
- Status: Project COMPLETED

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